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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/472,067; Filed: December 23, 1999
For: **Nucleic Acid Ladders**
Inventors: **Hu et al.**
Our Ref: **0942.4340002/RWE/BJD**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
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3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
4. A copy of the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
5. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and

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Respectfully submitted,

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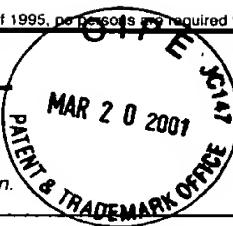
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103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135 Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209 40 **Reissue independent claims over original patent
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127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

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